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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN APPROACH RE CSCE

REFS : STATE 121875, ALGIERS 1434

1. ON JUNE 21, ASST SECY NEWSOM CONFIRMED TO BOUSSELHAM THAT U. S. COULD NOT RPT NOT SUPPORT OBSERVER STATUS FOR ALGERIA AT CSCE. SUGGEST YOU FOLLOW UP WITH ABERKANE, DRAWING ON PARA. SEVEN, STATE REFTEL AND, AT YOUR DISCRETION, ON FOLLOWING:

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A) MPT REPORT CONTAINED FOLLOWING WITH REGARD TO PARTICIPATION: QUOTE ALL EUROPEAN STATES, THE UNITED STATES, AND CANADA SHALL BE ENTITLED TO TAKE PART IN THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. IF ANY OF THESE STATES WISHES TO ATTEND AS AN OBSERVER, IT MAY DO SO. IN THAT CASE, ITS REPRESENTATIVES MAY ATTEND ALL STAGES OF THE CONFERENCE AND OF ITS WORKING BODIES, BUT SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE TAKING OF DECISIONS. SUCH A STATE MAY DECIDE LATER TO ACCEPT THESE DECISIONS OR SOME OF THEM UNDER THE CONDITIONS DEFINED BY THE CONFERENCE. END QUOTE. WE INTERPRET THIS LANGUAGE TO APPLY TO ALL THREE PHASES OF THE CONFERENCE AND TO LIMIT PARTICIPATION, INCLUDING PARTICIPATION AS OBSERVERS, TO THE EUROPEAN STATES, THE USA AND CANADA.

B) MPT REPORT CONTAINED FOLLOWING LANGUAGE WITH REGARD TO CONTRIBUTIONS BY NON- PARTICIPANTS: QUOTE THE CONFERENCE AND ITS WORKING BODIES WILL ACQUAINT THEMSELVES, IN SUCH MANNER AS THEY MAY DETERMINE, WITH THE POINTS OF VIEW HELD BY NON- PARTICIPATING STATES ON THE SUBJECT OF THE VARIOUS AGENDA ITEMS. STATES SITUATED IN REGIONS ADJACENT TO EUROPE..., AND IN PARTICULAR THOSE STATES WHICH HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED THEIR INTEREST IN MAKING THEIR POINTS OF VIEW KNOWN TO THE CONFERENCE, ARE ESPECIALLY ENVISAGED BY THIS CHAPTER. END QUOTE. U. S. WISHES TO AVOID INJECTING ARAB- ISRAELI ISSUES OR MILITARY ASPECTS OF MEDITERRANEAN SECURITY INTO CONFERENCE. WE HAVE NO PRECISE FORMULA IN MIND, HOWEVER, REGARDING HOW STATES SUCH AS ALGERIA AND TUNISIA SHALL BE HEARD. IT MAY BE USEFUL TO REMIND GOA THAT U. S. POSED NO OBJECTION AT MPT TO PROCEDURE WORKED OUT THERE FOR BRINGING VIEWS OF ALGERIA AND TUNISIA TO PARTICIPANTS. UNDER THAT PROCEDURE ALGERIAN AND TUNISIAN REPRESENTATIVES TALKED FREELY WITH DELEGATES OUTSIDE MEETING HALL. THEY ALSO PREPARED AIDE MEMOIRES WHICH FINNISH CHAIRMAN OF MPT ANNOUNCED, PROVIDING DELEGATES NOT OPPOSED, WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN SECRETARIAT FOR PARTICIPANTS TO CONSULT. RUSH

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